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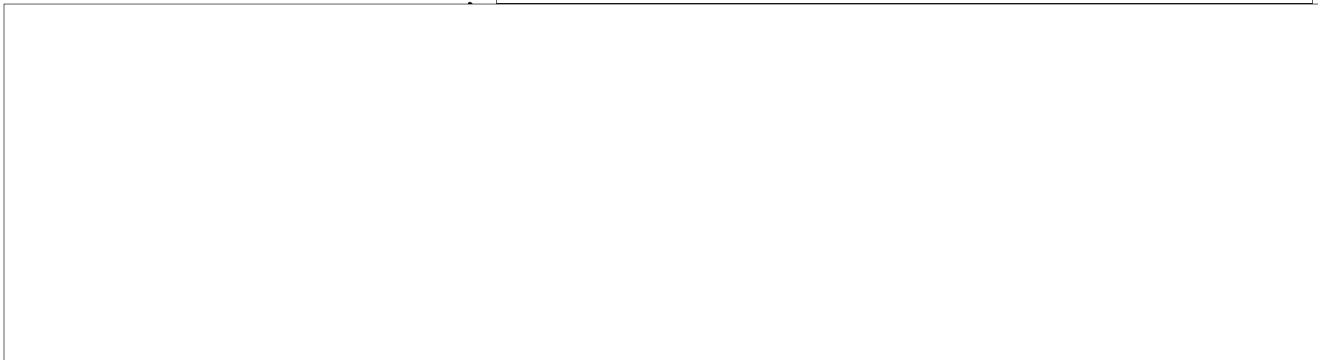


Executive Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Jim:

As I mentioned during our conversation a bit ago, a group of World War II OSS people are planning a reunion here in Washington from 11 to 15 May, 1988.

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On a previous occasion, I had a reunion of the Norwegian American group with whom I went into Norway under OSS. At that time, the Agency very kindly allowed us to come for a little presentation in the "bubble" on a Saturday morning when nobody much was there and then walk through the hall to the cafeteria to buy our lunch. In that case all of those involved were Americans and they all got a great charge out of the experience. We arrived around 11, left by 1:00.

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It would be a very gracious gesture and one that would be deeply appreciated if we could copy this experience at the Agency on 13 May 1988. As a preliminary guess, I would think we would number about 100, including some families. We would get there on our own steam in a bus so that there would be a minimum problem of identification and entry of cars. We would also be happy to furnish a list of those coming in advance with whatever personal data you might like, in order to insure that you know who they are. I certainly don't know of any that have any doubtful aspects in their background.

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The only problem is that the group would be only partially American, the remainder being either British or French. The French would probably be the larger of the two foreign contingents. I don't know whether you have any flat rules on the reception of foreign groups but I suggest that a one time exception might be made in this case due to the closeness with which we all worked with OSS and the Allied headquarters during the War.

I write you this far in advance to allow you plenty of time to consider the policy problems of receiving a group of foreigners shepherded by a group of very loyal and solid Americans.

All best to you as you go ahead with the fine Agency that Bill Webster has taken charge of.

Sincerely,

William E. Colby

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